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NEW LIBRARY TO MARK GRAND OPENING WITH WEEKEND CELEBRATION

GREENSBORO, NC (August 24, 2004) – The City of Greensboro announces the grand opening celebration of the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Road, during the weekend of September 10 through the 12. The opening ceremony begins at 1 p.m. on September 10 and visitors will hear songs from Jefferson Elementary School students as well as poetry readings from the selected works of renowned environmentalist and theologian Thomas Berry. On Saturday, September 11, the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, in conjunction with the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department and Piedmont Land Conservancy, is sponsoring a children's "Discovery Day," which will include hands-on demonstrations related to the environment. An Environmental Education Fair, live bluegrass music, nature stories, crafts, and refreshments will also be a part of the day's events. Activities planned for Sunday, September 12 begin at 2 p.m. and include readings by local authors, music, and a quiet time for reflection on the natural environment. A closing ceremony is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Save the dates September 10 through September 12 and bring the entire family!

Named for long-time library advocate Kay Bryan Edwards, this 15,000-square-foot library houses an extensive collection of environmental resources. The building is positioned to overlook the surrounding Price Park to take full advantage of natural light for all spaces. The architect for the building is Steve Freyaldenhoven of Teague, Freyaldenhoven, Freyaldenhoven, Architects & Planners. The new library will also employ an environmental librarian to assist patrons with their questions – the first such librarian to work in the state of North Carolina for a public library system.

"We are thrilled to provide the residents of Greensboro another library where they can learn and grow," says Sandy Neerman, Director, Greensboro Public Library. "Through the collaborative efforts of the City of Greensboro and the Piedmont Land Conservancy, it is our goal with this library to nurture among Greensboro residents a deeper respect for Greensboro's environment."

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The Piedmont Land Conservancy holds permanent easement rights on the park to ensure that the land is always used as a passive park. They purchased the land with private contributions and with \$250,000 donated by the City of Greensboro. The library has partnered with the City Parks & Recreation department who will oversee the maintenance of Price Park and the grounds outside the library.

The local design team of Teague, Freyaldenhoven, Freyaldenhoven, Architects & Planners and J. Hyatt Hammond Associates, Inc. were responsible for designing the building.

For more information on the new library or other Greensboro Public Library branches, visit www.greensborolibrary.org.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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KATHLEEN CLAY EDWARDS FAMILY BRANCH LIBRARY OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Opening Ceremonies 1pm
Library Opens with Tours 2-6pm
Meet the Artists & Listen to Music 6-8pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Audubon Society 'Discovery Day' 10 -2pm
Peter Rabbit Puppet Show 10am
Make Nature Hats with ArtQuest 11-1pm
'Fish the Magish' Magician 2pm
Jack&the Beanstalk Puppet Show 3pm
Nature Arts & Crafts 4pm
Tours of the Library

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Meditation Time 2pm
Local Author Readings 2:30-3:30pm
Keeping a Nature Journal 3pm